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TO: Income Maintenance Supervisors
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Income Maintenance Staff
W-2 Agencies
Workforce Development Boards
Job Center Leads and Managers
Training Staff
Child Care Coordinators

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DATE:	4/3/2008				
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PRIORITY: HIGH					

SUBJECT: Economic Stimulus Act of 2008

CROSS REFERENCE: Section 6428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
Section 101 of Title I of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE:

This memo provides instruction on how to treat refunds received from the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 for Wisconsin Works (W-2) and Child Care (CC) applicants and recipients.

BACKGROUND

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 provides for a one time rebate payment to eligible individuals and families. Issuance of these payments is expected to begin in May 2008. To be eligible, individuals must file a 2007 federal tax return. The average payment will be \$300 for individuals and \$600 for couples with an additional \$300 for each eligible child. For more information, visit: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=179211,00.html>

Section 101 of Title I of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 amends Section 6428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Any credit or refund allowed or made to any individual by reason of Section 6428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not be taken into account

as resources for the month of receipt and the following 2 months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Wisconsin Works

Inform participants and applicants that they may be eligible to receive a payment under the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 if they file a 2007 federal tax return. Encourage all participants and applicants to file 2007 federal tax returns, even if they normally do not file because their income does not usually meet the filing threshold. Individuals are not eligible unless they file a 2007 federal tax return.

If a participant or applicant receives a payment under the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, disregard the payment received as both income and assets in the month of receipt and two months immediately after the month of receipt for all members of the W-2 group.

Child Care

Disregard the payment for all members of the Child Care group.

CONTACTS

For Policy Related Questions: BW-2 Regional Office Staff

For CC Policy Related Questions: Child Care Help Desk

Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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